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1. POST HEREBY NOMINATES MRS HARRIET M. N'DOW AND MRS ADELAIDE SOSSEH, GAMBIAN TEACHERS, AS PRINCIPALS FOR GROUP IV PROGRAM TO BE MANAGED BY IIE. TEACHERS PROPOSE TO TRAVEL BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY JUNE 15. MRS SOSSEH WILL RETURN BANJUL MID-JULY; HOWEVER, MRS N'DOW WISHES RETURN VIA LEAVE IN EUROPE WHERE SHE PLANS MEET HUSBAND. (PLEASE ADVISE MECHANICS BY WHICH THIS CAN BE ARRANGED: MRS N'DOW REALIZES HER GRANT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS FOR BANJUL-U.S/BANJUL BY MOST DIRECT ROUTE, AND THAT SHE MUST PAY ANY EXCESS COST).

2. MRS N'DOW, BORN OCT 18, 1926, IN BANJUL, IS WOLOF. CURRENT ADDRESS IS: PIPELINE ROAD, SERREKUNDA. COMPLETING SECONDARY EDUCATION IN GAMBIA IN 1944, MRS N'DOW RECEIVED TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE "A" FROM ACHIMOTA COLLEGE, GHANA, IN 1947. SHE ATTENDED PORTSMOUTH TRAINING COLLEGE, ENGLAND, 1955-56, AND TOOK GIRL GUIDE TRAINING IN ENGLAND IN 1963. PRESENTLY HEAD TEACHER OF MAJOR GAMBIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH 1,300 ENROLLMENT, MRS N'DOW HAS OVER 25 YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE. MRS N'DOW IS WELL KNOWN FIGURE ON LOCAL

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SCENE, MEMBER OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES. SHE IS

WIDELY TRAVELED IN EUROPE AND AFRICAN BUT HAS NEVER VISITED U.S. SHE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, SOME FRENCH, AND LOCAL LANGUAGES.

3. MRS SOSSEH, BORN AUG 31, 1946, IN BANJUL, IS TEACHER AT YUNDUM COLLEGE AND WIFE OF DEPUTY SEC GEN GOTG. HER PERMANENT ADDRESS IS: PIPELINE ROAD, SERRAKUNDA. MRS SOSSEH HOLDS DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION AND HAS HAD SEVERAL YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE. BEFORE YUNDUM COLLEGE POST. MRS SOSSEH WAS SENIOR MISTRESS SERREKUNDA SCHOOL. SHE HAS TRAVELED IN AFRICAN AND TO UK AND CANADA, BUT NOT TO U.S. MRS SOSSEH SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND LOCAL LANGUAGES. SHE IS INTERESTED IN THEATER, CINEMA, AND SCOUTING PROGRAM.

4. ALTERNATE, RPT ALTERNATE, NOMINEE IS MATTHEW G.W. MACCAULAY, CURRENTLY HEAD TEACHER OF BRIKAMA SCHOOL. BORN OCT 10, 1929, IN BANJUL, MACCAULAY HAS YUNDUM COLLEGE TEACHING CERT AND ALSO SPENT ONE YEAR AT INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM, ENGLAND. MACCAULAY HAS HAD OVER 25 YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE, HAS TRAVELED IN WEST AFRICA AND UK. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND SEVERAL LOCAL LANGUAGES.

5. TWO TEACHERS, WHO WILL FOLLOW JOINT PROGRAM, ARE MOST ANXIOUS GAIN FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE U.S. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, WITH EMPHASIS ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TRAINING PRIMARY TEACHERS. IN ADDITION, MRS SOSSEH'S SPECIALTY IS CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, AND SHE WOULD HOPE TO PURSUE THIS INTEREST. BOTH WOMEN ARE ACTIVE IN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS, AND HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GIRL GUIDES. TEACHERS WANT TO MEET WITH U.S. GIRL SCOUT LEADERS, AND OBSERVE U.S. SCOUTING PROGRAMS.

6. REALIZING TIMING NOT IDEAL, TEACHERS NONETHELESS HOPE TO VISIT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN OPERATION, AT MINIMUM HAVE OPPORTUNITIES MEET WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD REPS. BOTH WANT OBSERVE POOR RURAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS IN APPALACHIA, ALSO INDIAN SCHOOLS ON RESERVATION, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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METHODS USED IN SUCH INSTITUTIONS WOULD HAVE APPLICABILITY IN THE GAMBIA. MRS SOSSEH WOULD LIKE ATTEND LECTURES ON CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.

7. TEACHERS WISH TO VISIT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, CALIFORNIA, AND PERHAPS FLORIDA, IF POSSIBLE. THEY HOPE VISIT TOURIST SITES MAJOR CITIES, INCLUDING ART MUSEUMS -- SPECIFICALLY MUSEUM AFRICAN ART WASHINGTON, AND METRO-

POLITAN IN NEW YORK. IN NEW YORK, WOMEN WANT VISIT UN, AAI, BRONX ZOO, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. BOTH WOMEN INTERESTED IN THEATER, HOPE SEE BROADWAY PLAY, AND VISIT HOLLYWOOD. WHILE IN CALIFORNIA THEY WANT SEE DISNEYLAND.

8. INDIVIDUALS THEY HOPE TO MEET INCLUDE: MR AND MRS JAMES MCFARLAND, FORMER CHARGE IN BANJUL, NOW RETIRED JAMESTOWN, R.I.; MR AND MRS LEE KOLKER (HE IS HONORARY GAMBIA CG IN NEW YORK); NIECE OF MRS N'DOW, SAGAR MENDY, WHO IS STUDENT IN BOSTON; MRS CORETTA KING, IF POSSIBLE (NEITHER WOMAN KNOWS MRS KING PERSONALLY). TEACHERS LOOK FORWARD TO HOME HOSPITALITY, AND HOPE TO MEET REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE BOTH BLACK AND WHITE AMERICAN FAMILIES.

9. BOTH MRS N'DOW AND MRS SOSSEH ARE PLEASANT, OUTGOING, AND INFORMAL. THEY SHOULD MIX WELL, ABOSRB QUICKLY, AND MAINTAIN HIGH INTEREST IN PROGRAM.
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